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In re Patent Application of:
Boris Mayer et al.

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For: METHOD FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF
POSTAL ITEMS AND PACKAGE MAILBOX

Examiner: Akiba K. Robinson
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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is presented in response to the non-final official action dated June 5, 2008, wherein (a) claims 12-16 were pending, and (b) claims 12-16 were rejected as obvious over Finch, et al. US 2004/0181485 A1 ("Finch") and further in view of Moskowitz, et al. US 7,280,982 ("Moskowitz").

The rejection is respectfully traversed on the basis that Finch is not prior art with respect to the present application.

The present application is the US national phase of PCT/DE03/02684 filed August 8, 2003, and claims convention priority based on DE 102 38 342.1 filed August 16, 2002.

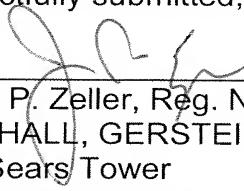
Finch issued September 16, 2004, subsequent to the present application's August 8, 2003, international filing date, and was filed March 11, 2003, prior to the present application's international filing date but subsequent to its claimed August 16, 2002, German priority date.

As a result, the obviousness rejection cannot be sustained.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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